(b) whether sufficient provisions have been made under the National Pulse Development Scheme?

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the efforts made by the Central Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) A provisions of Rs. 69.00 lakhs has been made during the year 94-95 for supply of Dal Processors under the Centrally sponsored National Pulse Development Project. Out of this sum, an amount of Rs. 12.00 lakhs and Rs. 8.00 lakhs has been allocated to the States of Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh, respectively.

Licence for Rice Mills

2104. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI:
SHRI RAM GOPAL YADAV:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be please to state:

(a) whether licensing is mandatory for all categories of rice sellers/rice mills;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the categories of hullers included under the purview of licensing;

(d) whether the Union Government propose to exempt small hullers including polish machines set up in rural areas from the purview of licensing;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, he reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) All categories of rice mills, including hullers are required to obtain a permit/licence under Rice Milling Industry (Regulation & Licensing) Act, 1958 and Rules, 1959 made thereunder.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) The huller mills cause extensive damage to rice during milling/polishing and yield high percentage of brokens and poor quality of by-products, which are unfit for any economic use.

Agitation against fast food giants

2105 SHRI SOM PAL: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether government are aware that some N.G.Os. and social activits. like London Green peace, have launched a mighty movement against fast food giants like Mc Donald, in the U.K. and U.S.A. on the following grounds:

(i) exploiting consumers by charging very high prices;

(ii) doctoring children through deceptive advertisements and dodgy promotions;

(iii) destroying the environment with their packaging, waste and effects of beef ranching;

(iv) cruelty to animals;

(b) if so, whether it still intends to allow this and other fast food multinationals to start their operations in India;

(c) if so, what is the rational necessity thereof; and

(c) if so, what way our economy and society are to be benefited by such activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Government has approved the proposal of M/s. Mc. Donald's Corporation to establish a wholly owned